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TAGS: CASC (DAWSON, H.W. MR.)

SUBJECT: W/W CASC (DAWSON, H.W. MR.)

REF: DEPARTMENT'S OM OF OCTOBER 23, 1975
CONGRESSMAN CARNEY INTERESTED

1. NO RECORD OF DAWSON'S ORIGINAL INQUIRY CAN BE FOUND BUT DETAILS ARE PROBABLY CORRECT. HE SEEMS, HOWEVER, TO BE DELIBERATELY MISINTERPRETING FACTS.
2. CONGEN ROUTINELY ADVISES AMCITS IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM LOCAL AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION AS THEY CAN RESOLVE SUCH PROBLEMS AND WE CAN NOT. AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED, AND HAS AGREED, NOT TO REFER AMCITS TO CONGEN AS WE UNABLE DO MORE THAN REFER THEM BACK.
3. AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE, IN SUGGESTING DAWSON NOT PHONE CONGEN, WAS PROBABLY JUST TRYING TO SAVE HIM TIME AND EFFORT AS PROBLEM WAS ALREADY IN PROCESS OF RESOLUTION. CONGEN RECEPTIONIST, AWARE DAWSON CALLING FROM AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION, WAS SIMPLY POINTING OUT THERE WAS NO FURTHER EFFECTIVE ACTION WE COULD TAKE. WHY DAWSON CHOOSES TO BELIEVE CONGEN WAS DELIBERATELY UNHELPFUL IS UNCLEAR.
4. WHEN DAWSON VISITED CONGEN IN SEPTEMBER, HE WAS AGGRESSIVELY HOSTILE AND OFFENSIVE TO LOCAL STAFF FROM MOMENT HE ENTERED BUILDING. CONSUL MACIAS MET WITH HIM FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES AND ATTEMPTED EXPLAIN OUR DIFFICULTY IN SOLVING PROBLEMS OF TYPE HE ENCOUNTERED. DAWSON REFUSED TO ACCEPT APOLOGY OR EXPLANATION

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AND SPOKE OF USELESSNESS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ABROAD IN

GENERAL AND CONSUL MACIAS IN PARTICULAR. HE REPEATEDLY INDICATED
HE WOULD WRITE TO PRESS AND CONGRESSMAN ON RETURN TO U.S. HE
WAS UNWILLING TO DISCUSS INCIDENT IN CALM AND REASONABLE MANNER.

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